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TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 5727  
INFO RUESEA/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES 4073  
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E.O. 12065: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, PA  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: ARBITRARY DETENTIONS

1. THE INTER-FAITH CHURCH COMMITTEE (STRICTLY PROTECT SOURCE) HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH DOCUMENT WHICH CLAIMS INVESTIGATIONS POLICE WERE HOLDING 29 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THEIR HEADQUARTER'S CELLS AS OF THE LAST WEEK IN MARCH. IN ADDITION, THE REPORT ALLEGES THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS POLICE KILLED TWO PERSONS BY TORTURE, ONE ON FEBRUARY 15 AND ONE ON MARCH 1. THE EMBASSY HAS NO INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF THIS INFORMATION ALTHOUGH A RECENT FORMER DETAINEE REPORTED 16 PRISONERS WERE THERE AS OF MARCH 15. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PRISONERS, USUALLY BETWEEN TEN AND THIRTY, TO SPEND A FEW DAYS TO A FEW WEEKS IN INVESTIGATIONS FOR CRIMINAL PROCESSING AS WELL AS THOSE HELD FOR POLITICAL OR EXTORTION REASONS.

2. THE EMBASSY'S SOURCES BELIEVE SOME OF THE FOURTEEN PRISONERS LISTED BELOW MAY HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN ARGENTINA AND WERE LATER TURNED OVER TO THE PARAGUAYAN POLICE FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY UNDERSTAND ARGENTINE POLICE DETAINED ELIDA VEGA DE LUGO (NO 14) ON MARCH 10 IN BUENOS AIRES. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES HAS INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE PRISONERS. LIST FOLLOWS WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN PARENTHESES:

- (1) REMIGIO GIMENEZ (TORTURED)
- (2) ANASTASIO ALMEIDA (BROUGHT FROM FOZ DE YGUAZU, BRAZIL)
- (3) HECTOR LUIZ GALZARZA
- (4) FNU MARTINEZ (BROTHERS BROUGHT FROM PUERTO PRESIDENTE STROESSNER)
- (5) FNU MARTINEZ (BROTHERS BROUGHT FROM PUERTO PRESIDENTE STROESSNER)
- (6) FRANCISCO RAMOS BRITZ (BADLY TORTURED)
- (7) PABLO ANTONIO CABRAL (FROM PIRIBEBUY, HAS BEEN A PRISONER FOR THREE MONTHS)
- (8) ROGELIO TALAVERA

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Exemption(s): **NR**

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- (9) FRANCISCO SAPIENCIA (ARGENTINE NATIONAL, BADLY TORTURED)  
(10) SINDULFO VILLANUEVA (SEVERELY TORTURED)  
(11) JOSE TOMAS SALINAS (17-YEAR OLD ARGENTINE NATIONAL, BADLY TORTURED)  
(12) ALIPIO SALINAS (TORTURED)  
(13) LUIS LUGO LOPEZ  
(14) ELIDA VEGA DE LUGO (WIFE OF NO 13 ABOVE)

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